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1. SUMMARY: SUBJECT CONSULTATION HAD STUTTERED START DUE TO LATE ARRIVAL SECRETARY GENERAL ANTONIO CARRILLO FLORES AND MERELY FIFTEEN MEMBER STATES IN ATTENDANCE BUT REGAINED CRITICAL ELAN WITH HIS LEADERSHIP DURING PM FIRST DAY DELIBERATIONS.
END SUMMARY.

2. CARRILLO'S LATE ARRIVAL AFFECTED START SUBJECT CONFERENCE IN VISIBLE MANNER WITH PAKISTAN DELEGATION QUESTIONING PURPOSE OF MEET AFTER ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AM SARDARI, UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, THERAN AND TWO VICE CHAIRMEN SUKAWATTY, INDONESIA AND MASOOD, PAKISTAN. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA PASSED WITHOUT COMMENT AS FOLLOWS: (A) OPENING ADDRESSES (B) ELECTION OF OFFICERS (C) ADOPTION OF AGENDA (D) CONSIDERATION OF THE BASIC DOCUMENTS FROM THE FOUR UN SPONSORED 1973 SYMPOSIA (E) REVIEW OF REGIONAL PRIORITIES IN THE POPULATION FIELD (F) CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION AND (G) ADOPTION OF REPORT.

3. LEON TABAH SUBSTITUTING FOR CARRILLO REVIEWED ECLA MEETING AND FIFTEEN POINTS OF WPC DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHLIGHTING NEED TO BOLSTER PLAN WITH QUANTITATIVE GOALS. NOTEWORTHY IN TABAH'S OPENING ADDRESS WAS CLEAR INVITATION TO ECAFE MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE VIGOROUS LANGUAGE TO IMPROVE DRAFT PLAN BASED UPON DEPTH AND SCOPE ASIAN COUNTRIES' UNIQUE POPULATION EXPERIENCE. HIS RECOMMENDED THAT ECAFE CONSULTATION REPORT BEING PASSED TO WPC BE LIMITED OF FIVE PAGES AROUSED RESISTANCE.

4. FOLLOWING TABAH'S COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN SARDARI SOUGHT MEMBER INTERVENTIONS. INDIAN DELEGATION SURPRISED BY COMMENTING PLAN OF ACTION HAD ACHIEVED GENERAL SUPPORT AND SHOULD NOT BE TOUCHED. PAKISTAN CHALLENGED CHAIRMAN WITH DOUBT OVER RATIONALE FOR MEETING, ARGUING HE UNDERSTOOD IT TO BE CONSULTATION WITH COMMENTS DESIRED. SUPPORTING THIS POSITION WERE THE PHILIPPINES AND THAILAND. CARL FRISEN, ECAFE POPULATION DIVISION CHIEF, ATTEMPTED TO EYDLAIN THE MORNING'S DISARRAY BY ANNOUNCING THAT THE FOUR CRITICAL JCUIB POPULATION SYMPOSIA DOCUMENTS PLANNED TO SERVE AS BACKGROUND HAD JUST ARRIVED. HE HOPED THAT CARRILLO'S ARRIVAL WOULD LAUNCH AFTER-NOON SESSION IN BETTER STYLE.
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5. FRISEN'S OPTIMISM WAS WELL FOUNDED. AFTERNOON SESSION CHARACTERIZED BY CLARITY OF PURPOSE AND VIGOROUS LEADERSHIP WITH CARRILLO AND TABAH WORKING IN FINE COMPLEMENTARY STYLE. DELEGATES WERE ASSURED BY CARRILLO THAT THE PLAN OF ACTION WAS STILL A DRAFT. HE ENCOURAGED ECAFE MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS.

6. TABAH IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST GAVE AN INSPIRED, WILL-

RECEIVED RECAPITULATION FO THE FOUR SYMPOSIA DOCUMENTS THUS
RELIEVING TOO MANY DELEGATES OF NEEDED HOMEWORK.

7. WITH A VIEW TO BEGINNING SECOND DAY SUBJECT CONSULTATIONS
PURPOSEFULLY CARRILLO, IN RESPONSE TO USDEL SUGGESTION, REQUESTED
RIAD TABBARAH, UN POPULATION DIVISION, AND PRINCIPAL DRAFTER
WORLD PLAN OF ACTION, TO REVIEW AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS
THAT
DOCUMENT THUS FILLING FURTHER EVIDENT LACUNAE IN ECAFE
DELEGATES BACKGROUND.

8. USDEL NOW HOPEFUL SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS COULD PRODUCE
ASIAN MODIFICATION TO PLAN FO ACTION SUPPORTIVE OF U.S.
POSITION PER REFTTEL DESPITE MINIMAL REGIONAL PARTICIPATION.
NOTE THAT ECAFE POPULATION DIVISION NEGLECTED TO SEND OFFICIAL
INVITATIONS FOR SUBJECT MEETING TO UK, NETHERLANDS, USSR AND
USA. AFORMENTIONED NOT IN ATTENDANCE. CARRILLO IN RESPONSE
TO EMBOFF QUESTION REGARDING NON-PRC ATTENDANCE IN SUBJECT
MEETING RESPONDED THAT HE RECEIVED PROMISE OF PRC REPRESENTATION
BUCHAREST WHILE IN PEKING RECENTLY. WILL ADVISE.
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